

The Board of Assessors
Village of Arden
Meeting March 5, 2019, BWVC

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by Mark Wood, Chair

Present: Mark Wood, Pam Politis, Debbie Ricard, Elizabeth Varley, Brooke Bovard,
and John Scheflen,

Not Present: Tom Wheeler

Invited Guests: Jeffrey Politis and Warren Rosenkranz

Minutes from February meeting approved.

Opening comment from Debbie: Last meeting was non-comital on lot size, but tonight voiced support for a basic lot size as 7,116 sq. ft. instead of 10,000 sq ft. Also, regarding process, suggests that Assessors and Trustees meet and review spreadsheet as intended by Assessors for Trustees to collect.

Agenda:

1. Review of 2018 Assessment by Warren Rosenkranz
2. Review of timeline and process for Town Budget, Assessors report, and Trustees collection by Jeffrey Politis
3. Factors

Discussion

1. Assessment Review: Warren distributed a list of irregularities identified in the 2018 spreadsheet submitted to the Trustees for rent collection, with some recommendations in the spreadsheet to avoid future irregularities.
2. Jeffrey distributed materials to provide background on town budget and assessment process.
3. Factors considered
 - a. Leaseholds adjacent to Arden Forest, Ardencroft Forest, or Sherwood Forests +10% Adjacent Forest
 - b. Leaseholds fronting on Arden Forest, Sherwood Forest, or Ardencroft Forest by being across the street +5%

- c. Leaseholds adjacent to or fronting on a communal green +5%
 - d. Leaseholds adjacent to Harvey Road and/or Marsh Road -5%
 - e. Leaseholds having driveway access only to Harvey Road and/or Marsh Road -5%
4. Discussed whether Ardencroft forest is an appropriate factor
 5. Reviewed factors from 2018 report.
 - a. The specific location factor charges (in dollars) to be added to or subtracted from the sum of the Base Land Rent are obtained by multiplying the Base Land Rent for the leasehold by the appropriate specific location factors as given above.
 - b. Location factors are additive, if both are applicable.
 - c. If multiple forest factors apply, the higher of the two factors shall be applied.
 - d. No fractional or partial factors apply for leaseholds fronting or adjacent to forests or communal greens.
 6. Revisited C-rate discussion; considered adding a new factor to be applied to sq. ft 7,116.
 7. Motion: Purchase printed large format Assessor's spreadsheet for \$18.00.
Motion Passesd.
 8. Meeting adjourned at 9:30.